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in nearby San Pedro.

'Flying Saucer' Mystery Solved

WORCESTER, Mass., [AP]—The "flying saucer" many Worcester residents reported seeing last night wasn't flying and it wasn't a saucer.

Scores of persons telephoned police and newspapers to report the "flying saucer."

Police and newspapermen found, on investigation, that a new filling station had hired a huge searchlight to attract attention. Its beam sent a bright disc to low-hanging clouds.

Shapley Sees Cups As Vantage Point For Flying Saucers

Four cosmic explanations for the "flying saucers" were given by Dr. Harlow Shapley, Director, Harvard College Observatory, at a luncheon yesterday at the AVC Club House.

The astronomer attributed "flying saucers" to the following: 1. ordinary meteors (fireballs); 2. illusions due to broken cloud formations; 3. certain missiles such as meteorological balloons, and 4. human imagination.

He said "flying saucers" were best seen when the viewer was "in his cups".

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UFO Sighting Reported

Although not a common occurrence, there are occasional sightings in this area of objects that are not easily explained. The objects are best known as UFO's (unidentified flying objects).

Two Gardner News delivery drivers saw something which they believe may have been a UFO Wednesday.

Debbie Bertzos and Gale Phillips were driving back to The Gardner News from their delivery route in Westminster at dusk when they saw an object in the sky in front of them.

The object was an odd shaped bright light hovering in the air. They said the light seemed to stay still for a minute and a half and then went straight up into the sky as they approached it in their car.

They said there was no sound and the object seemed to disappear into a cloud.

The drivers were headed west on a straight section of Route 2A before the Gardner line.

Sightings are sometimes explained in terms of familiar objects such as helicopters, balloons or planes. In this case nothing seemed to fit the description. The women said the object did not appear to be any sort of natural phenomenon such as the sun or moon.

The road was empty of traffic at the time.

Westminster police said no one else reported a sighting that night.